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San Diego, CA – The Donald and Darlene Shiley family has stepped forward with an extraordinary \$10 million leadership gift toward building the University of San Diego's new Center for Science and Technology. The Shileys are well-known local philanthropists and longtime supporters of USD. To commemorate their generosity, and to honor Mr. Shiley's life achievements in science, the building will be named The Donald Pearce Shiley Center for Science and Technology at a ceremony to take place on June 14.

USD broke ground in May 2001 for the \$46 million center that will help meet the demand for skilled employees by the region's biotech and high-tech firms and serve as a national model for science education and training.

The 150,000-square-foot Science Center will be the largest academic building on campus. Focusing on interdisciplinary collaboration, it will unite USD's departments of chemistry, biology, physics, and marine and environmental sciences, and will also house aquariums, an astronomy deck, an aviary and a greenhouse. The Center is being built in the 16th Century Spanish Renaissance style of USD's campus, and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2003.

Darlene Shiley has been a member of USD's Board of Trustees since 1990. She has served on numerous influential committees, and currently chairs the Committee on Trustees. She

and her husband have been generous benefactors of USD, supporting its Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts program, a joint venture with The Globe Theatres; the University's staging of a Presidential Debate in 1996; and numerous scholarships.

This gift is among the largest ever made to USD and is believed to be the largest private donation ever to support undergraduate science education in the San Diego region.

"There are many who have contributed their scientific skills and their heart to improve the lives of us all," stated Mrs. Shiley. "Those like my husband who apply their talent and entrepreneurship quietly are often not those in the headlines, but their accomplishments touch our lives daily. It is to honor Donald that this gift has been made to USD's new Science and Technology Center. The values of the University are understood, appreciated and shared by our family."

"We are very grateful for this wonderfully generous gift that will help make the vision of our Science Center a reality," said USD President Alice B. Hayes. "This outstanding Center will serve every student that passes through USD for decades to come."

The Shiley's generosity has supported many local organizations, in education, medicine and the arts, including KPBS, UCSD Shiley Eye Center, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, The Globe Theatres and several Alzheimer's disease research programs.

The University of San Diego is an independent Roman Catholic institution of higher learning located on 180 acres overlooking San Diego's Mission Bay. Chartered in 1949, USD enrolls more than 7,000 students who may choose from more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University of San Diego is best known for its commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service.

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